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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO ATTEND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION AT PALOMINO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 800 GIFTS TO BE PASSED OUT TO STUDENTS

(PARADISE VALLEY) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne will participate on Thursday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Palomino Elementary School in the Paradise Valley School District for a holiday event that over 800 students will receive a toy or a gift as a result of donations by various members of the community and corporate sponsorship.

Horne stated: "I am so thrilled to be a part of this very special holiday celebration. Palomino Elementary has been doing this for the last three years and I look forward to participating in this superb partnership of community and school."

Various corporate partners throughout the valley participate in the Palomino event and each corporate sponsor adopts a classroom. The students put together a wish list that is then provided to each corporate sponsor's employees and the employees provide the gifts.

WHAT: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO PASS OUT 800

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SCHOOL

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

WHERE: PALOMINO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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